



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, increased diversity in New Jersey requires greater understanding of the myriad of cultures present in our state in order to learn and work respectfully across cultures; and

WHEREAS, international education increases student knowledge and awareness of the world's cultures, peoples, and languages, and brings an international perspective into New Jersey's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's economy and its ability to compete in the global marketplace are dependent on the ability of all residents to function culturally, politically and economically in a global society; and

WHEREAS, international education promotes knowledge and understanding of other countries - including their language, history, geography, religion, arts and political and economic systems; and

WHEREAS, international education fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving through the exploration of complex and controversial issues; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards support international education through the study of social studies, world languages, the arts and other core content areas; and

WHEREAS, connecting the student acquisition of international literacy's to real world experiences beyond state and national borders through participation in international studies, international exchange programs and other activities that advance cultural awareness and promote mutual understanding is important for all New Jersey students; and

WHEREAS, the first New Jersey International Education Summit held on October 27, 2004 will raise awareness of the importance of international education and provide a framework to develop a five-year plan to implement international education across the curriculum in New Jersey's schools; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have proclaimed November 15th through November 19th, 2004 as International Education Week - a time to celebrate the diversity of America and the many different cultures, languages and traditions that make up our global community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

NOVEMBER 15TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 19TH, 2004

as

NEW JERSEY INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Jersey, this
nineteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord
two thousand four and of the Independence of the
United States,
the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

James E. McGreevey

GOVERNOR